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## Unlined Municipal Landfill and Incinerator Closure Grant Program

The Unlined Municipal Landfill Closure Grant Program, enacted as the Laws of 1994, Chapter 307, was signed into law June 8, 1994 and became effective on July 1, 1995. On November 12, 1999, with the signing of House Bill 294 by the Governor, the Unlined Municipal Landfill Closure Grant Program was expanded to include 18 municipal incinerators constructed prior to July 1, 1998. The Incinerator Closure Grant Program became effective January 21, 2000. These grant programs are codified as RSA 149-M:41-50 and rules pertaining to the grant programs can be found in Chapter Env-Sw 1300 of the New Hampshire Solid Waste Rules.

All financial assistance to municipalities relating to the Unlined Municipal Landfill and Incinerator Closure Grant Programs is subject to the appropriation of funds by the legislature. Since 1995, the funding has enabled DES to reimburse 118 municipalities for the closure of 111 unlined landfills and two incinerators.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the grant programs is to reimburse municipalities 20 percent of the eligible capital costs associated with landfill and/or incinerator closures. These costs include:

- Hydrogeological elements.
- Engineering investigation and design.
- Construction of closure elements in accordance with plans and specifications approved by DES pursuant to the New Hampshire Solid Waste Rules.
- Construction supervision.

Eligible costs do not include land acquisition (except for land which is necessary to the physical elements of closure of an unlined landfill), administrative, legal and fiscal costs; and costs for post-closure monitoring and maintenance.

DES provides application forms and instructions necessary to apply for landfill and incinerator grants. To download the documents, please go to DES's website at:  
<http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swmb/fos/categories/grants.htm>.

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